



# TAJIKISTAN



## INTRODUCTION

The Tajik people came under Russian imperial rule in the 1860s and 1870s. In 1929, the USSR designated Tajikistan a separate republic. Tajikistan became independent in 1991 following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Emomali RAHMON

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Qohir RASULZODA

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Dushanbe

### Legislature

bicameral Supreme Assembly or Majlisi Oli consists of the National Assembly or Majlisi Milli (34 seats) and the Assembly of Representatives or Majlisi Namoyandagon (63 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 144,100 sq km

Land: 141,510 sq km

Water: 2,590 sq km

### Climate

mid-latitude continental, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid to polar in Pamir Mountains

### Natural Resources

hydropower, some petroleum, uranium, mercury, brown coal, lead, zinc, antimony, tungsten, silver, gold

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

lower middle-income Central Asian economy; key gold, cotton, and aluminum exporter; declining poverty; sustained high growth; very limited private sector; substantial illicit drug trade; significant remittances; environmentally fragile

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$34.88 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$3,700 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - aluminum, cement, coal, gold, silver, antimony, textiles, vegetable oil

**Agricultural products** - milk, potatoes, wheat, watermelons, onions, tomatoes, vegetables, cotton, carrots/turnips, beef

**Exports** \$1.41 billion (2020 est.)

gold, aluminum, cotton, zinc, antimony, lead (2019)

**partners:** Turkey 24%, Switzerland 22%, Uzbekistan 16%, Kazakhstan 12%, China 10% (2019)

**Imports** \$3.13 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, wheat, natural gas, bauxite, aircraft (2019)

**partners:** China 40%, Russia 38%, Kazakhstan 19%, Uzbekistan 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

9 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

1.44% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Tajik 84.3% (includes Pamiri and Yagnobi), Uzbek 13.8%, other 2% (includes Kyrgyz, Russian, Turkmen, Tatar, Arab) (2014 est.)

### Language

Tajik (official) 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz 0.8%, Russian 0.5%, other 2.4% (2010 est.)

**note:** Russian widely used in government and business

### Religion

Muslim 98% (Sunni 95%, Shia 3%), other 2% (2014 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 27.7% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 2.73% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

